



Auguston Traditional Elementary School



July 2, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian of a New Kindergarten Student,

It was great to meet many of you during our Ready, Set, Learn event. We are looking forward to the coming year and are busy making plans and getting materials ready for an exciting year of kindergarten learning.

In September, we will be welcoming your child to school with a gradual entry process. While we know that gradual entry can be challenging for parents, it provides the children with the opportunity to adjust to kindergarten, beginning in smaller groups for short time periods, and building up to full days. This gradual transition allows them to build their comfort, confidence, and stamina for being in the classroom setting.

During the first two days of school, September 2-3, you and your child will be invited to attend a 15-minute welcome meeting with the kindergarten teachers. Please sign up for your appointment using the school appointments online system (instructions attached). More information on which room to attend for this meeting will be sent when the school office reopens during the week of August 25 - 29.

From Sept. 4 – 11th, it is our hope that we can get to know your child better, and that they can get to know all the kindergarten teachers. We have assigned your child to one of four groups for these days (see attached document – Attendance Groups). All students will report to room A103 for these sessions (Mrs. Puglisi's class). Please **DO NOT** send your child with a backpack or snack until Tuesday, Sept. 9th. Inside shoes and other supplies can come on Friday, Sept. 12. We know they are excited to use these new items, but with the sessions being so short, we lose too much time collecting and distributing them.

- Sept. 4: All children will attend school for 1 hour, in a small group.
Group A: 8:45-9:45 Group B: 10:00-11:00 Group C: 12:00-1:00 Group D: 1:15-2:15
- Sept. 5: All children will attend school for 1 hour 45 min., in a larger group.
Group A/B: 9:10-10:55 Group C/D 11:45-1:30
- Sept. 8: All children will attend school for 1 hour 45 min., in a larger group.
Group C/D: 9:10-10:55 Group A/B 11:45-1:30
- Sept. 9: All children will attend school for 2 hours 30 min, including a snack/recess break.
(9:10-11:40) **First day for backpacks and lunch kits!**
- Sept. 10: All students attend school for 3 hours, including a snack/recess break. (9:10-12:10)
- Sept. 11: All students attend school for 3 hours 30 minutes, including a snack/recess break and a lunch period. (9:10-12:40)

Students will be placed into classes at this point. Class lists will be emailed to you.

- Sept. 12: All children attend school for 4 hours, including a snack/recess break and a lunch period.
(9:10-1:10) **Please send inside shoes, tissue, soap and headphones.**
- Sept. 15 Kindergarten students attend school full time (8:40-2:35)

Getting Ready for September

Supplies that you will need for September: (Please send them on Sept. 12):

- 2 containers of foaming hand soap, to contribute to our handwashing station
- one set of good quality headphones (not ear buds) in a large, labeled ziploc bag
- a pair of non-marking, velcro or slip-on shoes to keep at school as "inside" shoes.
- one zipper style backpack large enough to hold library books, a sweater and a lunch container.



Please make sure all your child's personal items, including uniform sweatshirts, sweaters, and vests are clearly labeled with your child's name.

For the rest of your child's school supplies, the school has put in a bulk order and information regarding payment for these will be sent home in September.

Here are few things you can do this Summer to help your child be prepared for Kindergarten:

1. Purchase a **large backpack, lunch container, and spill proof water bottle**, for your child to use at school. Have a few "school lunches" at home. When your child attends full days, we would ask that you pack a small nutritious snack for your child (fresh fruit, vegetables and dip, muffin, yogurt, etc.), a main food (a sandwich, a wrap, a thermos with pasta or soup, cheese and crackers, etc.) For your practice lunches, you could ask your child to put their lunch container into their backpack and take it out, and have them practice opening their containers and eating independently.
2. Students will be asked to have a pair of **Velcro or slip-on shoes** to keep at school as their inside shoes. Please work on having your child put on and take off their own outer wear. We change our shoes and take jackets on and off several times each day. Independence with zippers, buttons, and shoes is a big help!
3. Talk to your child about the things they can look forward to at school (new friends, learning new things, outdoor learning on the school grounds, art, sports, etc.) Separating from parents is difficult for some children at the beginning of school. Talking about what they can expect can help.

We hope you have a wonderful Summer and look forward to getting to know you and your child in September.

Thank you,

Mrs. Hambly, Mrs. Janzen, Mrs. McAllister, and Mrs. Puglisi
The Auguston Kindergarten Team

School Appointments – Parent Instructions

Please use the link to select
one 15-minute meeting
time.

The link will be open until
Monday, August 25, at 3pm.

1. Go to the school appointments web site for our school: auguston.schoolappointments.com
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. Click the "**Insert New**" button to add more children.
4. Click the "**date**" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "**View Calendars**" button. Use the "**Ctrl**" or "**Command**" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.

